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HON. ROLLA K. HART of Fleming is being groomed for Speaker of the next House of Representatives. He is one of the present members of that distinguished and son of the distinguished body; and if the people of the good county of Fleming see fit to return him, his fellow-members of THE LEDGER's full and free consent to put him in the Chair and arm him with a maul.

CONGRESSMAN CATCHINGS of Mississippi states that the sentiment of the people of the South on the currency question has changed very materially within the past few months. And he might have added with equal truth that the sentiment of the Democracy all over the country is somewhat different now from what it was before the election. Then, the whole Republican plan of legislation was to be immediately smashed, from the Tariff to Timbuctoo. Now, it won't do to be in a hurry about "smashing" anything except the pensions of the old soldiers.

It was hoped by the Administration that the \$50,000 in gold shipped to the United States would make the financiers forget the many millions that have gone abroad. To the surprise of the President a movement has been started to procure an earlier assemblage of Congress than that indicated by the last declaration from the White House on this subject. The demand for a session before September appears to have its origin in New York. It is argued that there is so much mistrust and consequent tightening of the money market, with a corresponding reduction in values, that it is absolutely necessary to improve the financial situation if it can be done.
It is not at all likely that the President will listen to the demand. To make a call for a July session now would be, it is held, a declaration that the situation had grown more grave than it was a month ago.

IS HE A CITIZEN?

A Question as to Gov. Altgeld's Naturalization.

His Title to the Governorship of Illinois Slightly Clouded.

In This Event the Election of the Haymarket Anarchists is Void. The Famous Gov. Boyd Case of Nebraska, May 1892—Naturalized in Illinois.

CHICAGO, June 26.—A sensational sequel comes Wednesday night to Gov. Altgeld's pardon of the Haymarket anarchists. The Journal raises the question whether he is legally governor of the state of Illinois or a citizen of the United States. It is asked if his acts are legal as governor, particularly the pardon of the anarchists. The opinion was expressed that the famous Gov. Boyd case, of Nebraska, may be re-opened in Illinois with John P. Altgeld as the principal actor. The Journal says: "Gov. Altgeld bases his claim to citizenship on the simple statement that his father was naturalized while the son was a minor child. John P. Altgeld was born in Prussia in 1848, and came to this country with his parents when a boy, his father settling on a farm near Mansfield, O. If the father of Altgeld was made a citizen while the latter was under twenty-one, always providing that the father was legally naturalized, then there can be no question as to the governor's title to citizenship. But if Mr. Altgeld, or, seated under his son, was over twenty-one before taking out papers, then most assuredly the title of the governor to citizenship is badly clouded. The Attorney General has the following record against the name of John P. Altgeld, in accordance with the latest registration law of Illinois: Residence, 1892, Fifth Division, place of nativity, Germany; term of residence in precinct, 12 years; in county, 17 years; in state, 17 years; naturalized, yes, by act of congress, yes, qualified voter, yes; date of registration, October 24, 1892, removed to Springfield.
"There is nothing to show when and where the father of Gov. Altgeld was naturalized, or by what act of congress the governor was made a citizen. In the case of Gov. Boyd, of Nebraska, the courts decided that his claim to citizenship on the ground that his father was naturalized while he was a minor, did not hold good, and he decided against him on the point. What saved Gov. Boyd was that, being a resident of Nebraska when it was yet a territory, and at the time of its admission into the union as a state, he thereby became a citizen by the treaty which provides that every resident of a territory at the time of its admission, is made a citizen. Gov. Altgeld has no such luck to fall back on.
"A section of the naturalization laws provides that any alien who has served in the armies of the United States may become a citizen upon petition for it. Gov. Altgeld served for a few months during the war in Company C, 18th Infantry, but it is not shown that he ever petitioned to become a citizen, or that he was made a citizen under that section. Many leading attorneys think that such explanation is in order from the governor just at this time."

A Tally Post Race.
SPRINGFIELD, O., June 26.—Arrangements are being made for a relay road race on foot, between this city and Cincinnati, the biggest ever held in this country. The race will be under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and will take place about August 1. The association at Dayton, Cincinnati and this city will each furnish eight men, and those at Dayton and Middletown will each furnish four men. The race will be run by sections of two men, each section running five miles. Those who will participate in the relay are: Messrs. Freytag, State, Wagon, Bolger, Beard, Todd, Benninger and Edmondson.

Post Office Receipts.
WASHINGTON, June 26.—The remarkable growth of the post office is shown clearly by tables prepared Wednesday at the post office department. These give the total receipts of the post office department for the last year at \$84,000,000. Forty years ago the total receipts of the department were less than \$5,000,000 annually. Thus in forty years post office receipts have increased sixteen fold.

Spaulding's Successors.
WASHINGTON, June 26.—Assistant Secretary of the Currency Spaulding will be succeeded in that office on July 1 by Scott Wyke, of Illinois. Mr. Spaulding will remain in the city for some days after that date, but it is probable that he will finally settle in New York to practice customs law, upon which he is a recognized authority.

Want a New Party.
CHICAGO, June 26.—The executive officers of the national association of states at the World's fair have submitted their views to the western states on the subject of cheap rates to the fair, in which they recommend the roads to adopt a rate of one fare for the round trip to the World's fair.

Business Places Destroyed by Fire.
KALAMAZOO, Mich., June 26.—Sixteen business places and four dwellings in Kalamazoo, a village of 500 inhabitants in Kalamazoo county, were destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. The aggregate loss is \$50,000, and the insurance but \$10,000. Only a few of the buildings will be rebuilt.

Editor Drops Dead.
AGUAYCA, June 26.—Wm. H. Moore, editor of the Aguayo Evening News, dropped dead in his room at 7 o'clock Wednesday night. He had been on the street fifteen minutes previously.
Causing Much Alarm in Mexico.
CITY OF MEXICO, June 26.—A great decline in silver, and consequent economic rise in the value of the dollar, has caused much alarm here, and is the all-absorbing topic of discussion in financial circles.

FAMILY CREMATED.

Fires Aerial Work at Saginaw, Mich.—Mother and Three Children Perish.

SAGINAW, Mich., June 26.—A fire, insignificant in its financial loss, wiped out an entire family, with a single exception here. Catherine Neumann and four children occupied the second floor of a two-story frame building at No. 137 North Jefferson avenue.
The fire gained such rapid headway that the exit of the family was cut off by the time the alarm was turned in. The department responded quickly. Leaders were put up and the flames taken out, but not until Mrs. Neumann was fatally burned, and three of her children asphyxiated by the smoke and flames. The victims are:
Tilda Neumann, aged 20 years.
Lena Neumann, aged 15.
Frank Neumann, aged 12.
Mrs. Catherine Neumann was taken to St. Mary's hospital. She is terribly burned about the head and face and will die.

The only person in the building saved was Alma Neumann, aged 17, who was taken out, having sustained only slight injuries. The financial loss will be over \$5,000, and is partially covered by insurance.

The Sovereign Coin Machine.
PHILADELPHIA, June 26.—Nearly a million Columbian sovereign half dollars are held at the mint in this city subject to the orders of the secretary of the treasury. The opinion of Attorney General Olney that no more money ought to be paid to the Illinois corporation known as the "World's Fair Columbian Exposition" will take the control of the sovereign coins out of their hands, and in all probability the coins will be placed in circulation at par value. The last shipment of half dollars to Chicago was made April 8, 1893, and amounted to \$350,000.

Reel Barber Shot.
SHELMA, Ala., June 26.—Charles Caldwell, a white barber, shot and fatally wounded Ed Cochran, another barber, in front of a barbershop. Caldwell was here from Cincinnati a few weeks ago, and Cochran from Middletown, O., a few days previous. Both were rivals for the affection of an Italian woman, and the shooting occurred in the woman's presence.

Shipment of Hay for France.
NEW YORK, June 26.—Last week the Associated Press cable dispatches told of a fodder famine in France, and the statement came that foreign fodder would find a quick home market. If the news is true, the American business instinct "caught on," and Wednesday a chartered vessel was lying in the East river taking on a full cargo of 1,000 tons of hay to be shipped to France.

Strong Nickel Steel.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 26.—The Bethlehem Iron Co., has completed and shipped to the American Lake a spur-car steel for the Pennsylvania Railroad. It is made of nickel steel, and has a tensile strength of 90,000 pounds. This is 25,000 pounds in excess of the strength of any steel ever made by English or German manufacturers. One of the crank pins alone weighs 4,000 pounds.

John Sontag is Dying.
PACIFIC, Cal., June 26.—John Sontag, the banister, is living in a precarious condition. His pulse is very high, his jaws are set and he is delirious and the man is threatened with lockjaw from blood poisoning. His chances for recovery are very slight. His mother is with him. She has not been told that her son George was shot at Folsom.

Congress Will Probably Meet September 4.
WASHINGTON, June 26.—Though no official announcement has yet been made on the subject, it is found to be the almost universal opinion of members of congress now in this city (many of whom have conversed with the president) that congress will be called to meet in extra session on the first Monday in September, which will be September 4.

David's Successor Elected.
DUBLIN, June 26.—The election in the parliamentary division of County Wick took place in the house of commons caused by the withdrawal from the office of Michael Davitt, who is now in the United States. The anti-Parnellite nominated William Abraham, and he was elected without opposition.

Two Trains Crashed in a Week.
WILKESBORO, O., June 26.—Nickel-Plate freight crash occurred at Mentor Wednesday morning. Twelve cars were piled up on the track, and a train's legs were cut off. The unknown tramp was buried under the wreck. The supposed cause of the wreck was the breaking down of a car of stone.

Buonetti Must Hang.
READING, Pa., June 26.—In court counsel for Pietro Buonetti, the Italian murderer, to be hanged Thursday, asked for an injunction to prevent the sheriff from hanging him, and questioning the right of Gov. Pattison to issue a death warrant, but the matter was overruled, and the hanging will take place.

Minnesota's New Capital.
ST. PAUL, June 26.—The state capital commissioners Wednesday opened bids for the site of the new state capitol. Under the law not less than 10,000 square feet will be required, but proposals will not be restricted to this amount in each offer, and may be for any portion of the area named.

The Miner's Strike in Kansas.
TOWNE, Kas., June 26.—The mine owners in southeastern Kansas refused to make no further overtures for a compromise with the striking miners and to either keep the mines closed until the strike is declared off or import miners from other localities.

Stabbed in a Quarrel Over a Game.
BALTIMORE, N. C., June 26.—Spier Whitaker, aged 44, son of Judge Whitaker, was dangerously stabbed in the stomach, a merchant's son, in an altercation over a baseball game.

Carriage Builders Assn.
BURLINGTON, Ia., June 26.—Benetti & Frana carriage builders, have assigned with liabilities of \$25,000, and assets that will exceed that amount.

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OHIO PROHIBITIONISTS.

They Adopt a Many Faced Platform and Nominate a Full State Ticket.

CLEVELAND, O., June 26.—The Ohio prohibition state convention has concluded its labors and passed into history. The greater portion of the day was spent over the platform, and it was after 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when the work of selecting candidates for the November election was commenced. The committee on resolutions recommended W. Sharp, of Richland county, for permanent chairman, R. Rathbun, of Clark, secretary, and Mrs. Henrietta A. Moore, of Cuyahoga, and Chas. E. Hold, of Clark, assistants.
The first contest came on the report of the committee on rules. The committee recommended that all the districts be allowed to cast as many votes as they were entitled to, whether the complete delegations were present or not. Mr. Talcott, of Cuyahoga, moved to amend by prohibiting any votes being cast unless the delegations were present. This contest resolved itself into a fight between the northern and southern sections of the state, upon which depends the choice of the candidate for governor. The northern counties were more fully represented, and the amendment was a move to cut off the delegations from the river and southern counties, and after an hour's debate the amendment was adopted by a vote of 167 to 184.

The platform, as prepared by the committee on resolutions, showed that the Ohio prohibitionists are determined, apparently, to continue doing business at the old stand. The platform recognizes God as the source of all just government, rejects all liquor legislation, and that whoever violates the prohibitory, for female suffrage, would have the government issue all money as full legal tender, would prohibit slave ownership of land and limit the area owned by any individual or corporation, is for a "defensive" tariff and income taxes, is for the prohibition of the sale of the fee system, election of all civil officers directly by the people, and oppose in every form of local indecent and legislative.

The committee desired that the platform be regarded more as a set of resolutions than as a platform. After some talk it was decided to consider the resolutions one by one and this brought out lengthy and numerous discussions as to their merits.

There were many verbal scraps. A long discussion was entered into over a motion to amend the preamble so as to exclude the suppression of the liquor traffic as the dominant issue of the party. It was decided to keep the preamble as it was, and the preamble was allowed to remain practically as originally prepared. The resolutions and preamble were then adopted after a reading of the plank had been added. A resolution "condemning the anarchists of Chicago for allowing the World's fair to open in violation of the contract," was laid on the table.

The ticket nominated is as follows: Governor, Gibson P. Macklin, Montgomery; lieutenant-governor, Seth H. Ellis, Delaware; treasurer, Abram Ludlow; attorney-general, S. E. Young, Portage; supreme judge, J. A. Gallagher, Belmont; judges of probate, commissioner, Seth H. Todd, Huron; board of public works, Enoch H. Brown, Stark. There was a big fight for governor.

THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS
At Portland, Ore., Summarily Removed From Office By The President.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—The president Wednesday morning summarily removed from office Mr. Lotan, collector of customs at Portland, Oregon. This unusual action of the president was taken after the receipt Wednesday morning of a telegram from special agents of the treasury department who had been engaged for some time in investigating the fraudulent practices prevailing in Puget sound and Portland district. The telegram stated that they had information of the intended landing at Portland of a large number of Chinese coolies. Some weeks ago Mr. Lotan was removed, but his successor had not qualified, and Mr. Lotan was still in charge of the office. On his summary removal Wednesday morning his deputy was placed in charge and will continue to act until Mr. Black, the new collector, qualifies. His bond is now on the way to Washington. On June 15, Collector Lotan, in disregard of official instructions from the treasury department landed from the steamer Danube about 320 Chinese, claiming to be mechanics, but who were described in an official report to the department as a scaly and unclean appearing lot of "coolies." The Chinese coolies have been taken care of by the stationed Haytian Republics en route to Portland, and it was believed by the treasury department that if Collector Lotan had been left in office would have landed the Chinese from the Haytian Republic without regard to law as was done in the first.

Be Dropped From Pension Roll.
WASHINGTON, June 26.—Pension Commissioner Lochorn has submitted to Secretary Smith a list of persons to be dropped from the pension rolls, and they are not entitled to pensions. Among the persons to be dropped are several men who upon investigation are found to have been deserters, while a number of widows will be deprived of their pensions because they have remarried. A number are dropped for not having served 30 days as the law requires, other dropped because the disability for which they are drawing pensions is the result of their own vicious habits.
Princess Blismark Seriously Ill.
HAMBURG, June 25.—The Princess Blismark is seriously ill and not expected to recover. The Princess has been summoned to Friederichsruhe post haste.

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Magistrates, hold courts on the second and fourth Saturdays in March, June, September and December. A. J. Suit, Constable.

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A close-up photograph showing a vertical crack in a concrete wall. The crack is dark and runs vertically through the light-colored concrete. A horizontal line, possibly a joint or a piece of tape, is visible below the crack.